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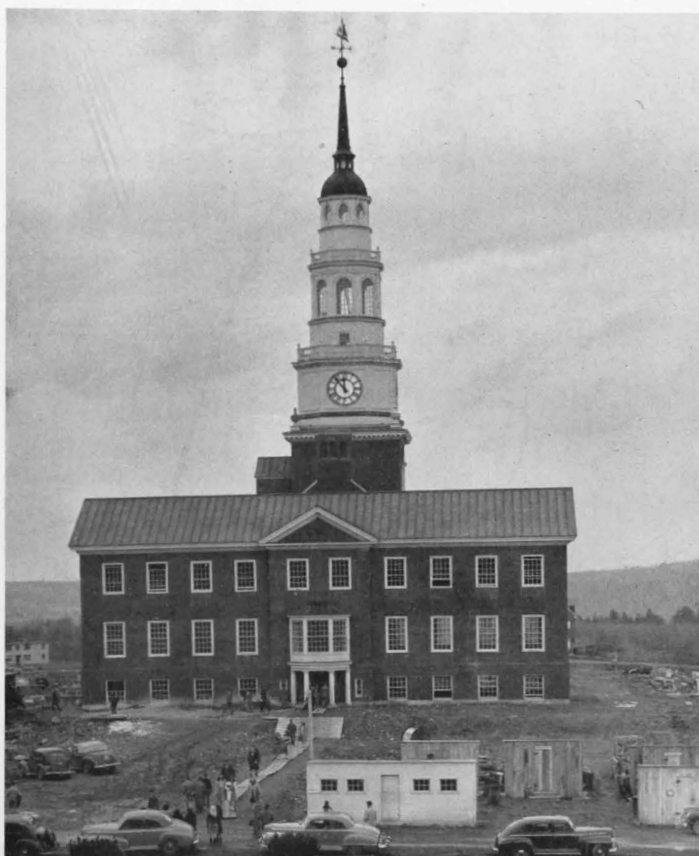
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The Cover

For some 16 years the thoughts of Colby people have been dwelling on that day in the future when the new buildings on Mayflower Hill would be teeming with students going about their business. Especially has it been hard to wait since 1939 when the new buildings looked so beautiful on the outside, yet were actually so far from being ready for use. With this in mind, the cover illustration is a thrilling picture. Who cares if construction debris is piled up around and if there are still many, many things to be done before the new campus is complete, as long as one can see the boys and girls at last going to classes on Mayflower Hill.

The Interested Reader Will be Glad to Learn:

That the east will have to work fast not to be left behind. (p. 4)

How fast the hands on the college clock travel. (p. 5)

That the Phi Delt's liked pigeon pie. (p. 6)

What is the most popular spot on the new Colby campus. (p. 9)

What an American girl in England thinks of their "cozy open fires." (p. 11)

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That a Colby man heads one of the oldest professional organizations in the country. (p. 15)

That broken bones and mid-year fatalities failed to stop the Varsity Show. (p. 16)

What the new coach and his wife look like. (p. 18)

That Colby meetings are being held from California to Florida. (p. 20)

The President's Page



Five Colby Alumni associations and a number of graduates who were not able to come to the regular meetings greeted Mrs. Bixler and me on our recent trip from Maine to California. In Philadelphia 33 alumni met under the leadership of Dr. Joseph Chandler, '09. Their questions about the college were discriminating and well-informed, especially those relating to the appointment of a new football coach! In Washington we met in the office of Congresswoman Margaret Chase Smith, (hon. M.A. 1943), under the chairmanship of Albert Haynes, '41, and the discussion as pointed up by Dr. Wm. H. S. Stevens, '06, centered particularly in theories of adult education. Foster Eaton, '17, took us on a Lovejoy tour in and around St. Louis which included the site of the building where the *Observer* was printed, the imposing monument to him in Alton, Illinois, and the office of the *Alton Evening Telegraph* where a piece of the actual press used by him is on display along with a small boulder from his birthplace in Albion, Maine. In the evening nine gathered for the Colby dinner.

The Los Angeles group came out 39 strong to a luncheon sponsored by Denis E. Bowman, '93. This was our greatest distance from Waterville and in many ways the high point of the trip. We were able to visit Merton Miller, '90 (for whose parents the Miller Library is named) and Dr. Wm. H. Snyder, '85, former principal of Los Angeles Junior College, whose blindness has not dimmed his keen interest in Colby. With Mr. Bowman we attended a lecture at the famous Huntington Library. At Claremont President Lyon of Pomona College invited several Colby alumni to a dinner for us. The Berkeley meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John H. Fawcett, '27, and was attended by 16, including Mr. Fred N. Fletcher of the class of '82, vigorous for all his ninety years. Afterward Harold P. Small, '15, took us over the University of California Press of which he is editor, and Professor Stephen C. Pepper, grandson of Colby's former president, entertained us at a dinner party which included President and Mrs. Sproul and a number of friends, old and new, from the philosophy department of the University of California. With Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Meiklejohn we visited an interesting and alert adult education group. For the occasion I dug out of the barrel a rather thumbworn lecture on William James.

The trip had its quota of speechmaking — six at Oklahoma A. and M. College in Stillwater, one each at Scripps and Pomona, and two on the way home. But there were plenty of chances to listen and to go sightseeing and to become acquainted with new friends. One of the pleasantest parts was a week-end at Tulsa, Oklahoma, with Mr. and Mrs. Nathan R. Patterson, '11, followed by a week at Oklahoma A. and M. College. This land grant agricultural university, swollen now to ten thousand students, is making an energetic attempt to improve the part of its program which deals with the liberal arts. I came away from conferences with the faculty group in charge of the humanities course feeling that if their attitude is typical of western institutions we in the east will have to work fast not to be left behind in the race for better education. Scripps also has a splendid humanities course, and Pomona is a fine institution which will bear watching as time goes on. These two colleges have campuses that are beautiful, even though completely different from Mayflower Hill.

We came back after four weeks to find that in our absence the magnificent Roberts Union had been opened and that most of the administration offices had been transferred to the spacious new Miller Library. We couldn't help wondering whether we ought not to go away again!

J. S. Bixler

THE TALK OF THE COLLEGE

JOTTINGS — A local sports columnist, eager for hints on who our new football coach might be, learned a few weeks ago that President Bixler was on his way to the Pacific Coast. He also read that the coach of one of the California universities had resigned. Putting two and two together, he intimated that the hidden purpose of Bixler's trip was to interview this coach for the Colby job. Now we learn from the President that he crossed the trails of Cole of Amherst, Dickey of Dartmouth, Baxter of Williams and two or three other eastern college presidents out there. We can only conclude that the competition for a good football coach must be something fierce.

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Footnote for history: the clock on the Miller Library, which had read eight o'clock for some seven years, began to tell time on Monday, March 31. The ten-foot translucent dial is illuminated and forms a landmark all night. The tip of the minute hand, if you want to know, travels about thirty feet per hour which is about a third as fast as the second hand on the electric clock in your kitchen.

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The Spa in the Miller Library found that the demand for cups of coffee was draining off all its allotment of beverage sugar. It was discovered, however, that in terms of OPA regulations, a doughnut with coffee constituted a "meal" and sugar can be had for "meals." The management, therefore, made the price of coffee and doughnuts the same as for coffee alone, and so now "coffee and" is the great mid morning snack and everybody is satisfied.

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The tennis squad started outdoor practice on April first, and that's not an April Fool's joke. The new Wales Memorial Courts make it possible to start playing a good six weeks before the time when ordinary clay courts are ready in this climate.

WONDERFUL — On the morning of the eventful fifth of March we went to the Miller Library to observe its premiere performance in the life of Colby College. There was

a sort of electric anticipation in the eyes of the several hundred students milling around and hunting for their classrooms. Threading their way between sawhorses and stepladders, the students somehow got to the right places at the right times, and the work on the building kept going full blast, even though it slackened visibly between classes when the workmen eyed the passing parade of co-eds.

To some academicians, used to the cloistered hush of carpeted halls, the environment might have been disturbing. Not so to our toughened college family. If heavy pounding overhead sent a haze of plaster dust onto heads bowed over notebooks, how much nicer that was than cinders! The scent of fresh paint was a delicate aroma to nostrils acclimated to the second floor of Chemical Hall during lab periods. Could the mere noise of an electric drill disturb a professor accustomed to competing with the deep-throated rumble of an eighty-car potato train highballing down from Aroostook?

Looking in on Joseph W. Bishop, '35, instructor in business administration, at the close of his first class in Miller, we asked him how he liked it. His answer could speak for the majority of faculty and students that morning. "You may quote me," he said, "quote, wonderful, exclamation point, unquote."

EARLY — To draw conclusions about the 1947 Alumni Fund at this date is like predicting the outcome of a ball game in the first half of the second inning. The contribu-

tions are piling in with each mail, but it takes a lot of heavy mails to go over the mark of 2,000 contributors. A great many, but not all, seem to be responding to the appeal for "One Third More," according to Alumni Secretary Goddard. Some \$100 givers are making their \$135 this year. A great many \$10 gifts have been upped to \$15, and \$25 to \$35. It is encouraging, but that \$40,000 goal is still a long way off!

CHORAL — The Colby College Musical Clubs this year have tackled a program roughly equivalent to the football team engaging Illinois, Boston College, Army and Notre Dame. Last Christmas they presented Handel's *Messiah* and now are working toward a post-Easter performance of Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, besides a popular concert or two, weekly selections by a Chapel choir, and some radio appearances.

This is not a sudden burst of enthusiasm, but rather is picking up a trend which was growing before the war. John W. Thomas, director of vocal music, found that an increasing proportion of students who liked to sing were interested in digging into some of the great choral masterpieces. His pre-war choruses performed works by Bach, Schubert and Mozart and were heading toward a more ambitious program such as has come to pass this year.

Mr. Thomas feels that it is good to indulge in a certain amount of light music just for the fun of it, but if a college singing group is worth its salt it will want to perform on an intellectual level with the rest of the college work. If literature classes study the major writers, not magazine fiction, he points out, why shouldn't a college chorus become acquainted with the great composers?

To a large extent, the notable works of choral music — the oratorios, requiems and so on — have been expressions of religious themes. Hence, Mr. Thomas foresees these activities being naturally tied into the program of the Lorimer Chapel in future years. What lovelier setting could there be for a robed choir of, say, a hundred voices in a Sunday "evensong" once a month

We Point With Pride To—

Pres. J. Seelye Bixler, recipient of honorary L.H.D. degree from Union College.

Harold E. Donnell, '12, elected president of the American Prison Association.

Bernard E. Esters, '21, named a director of the National Editorial Association.

Lt. Comdr. Charles W. Weaver, '30, appointed Naval Aide to the Governor of Maine.

or so? It could become a drawing card pulling in an audience from this whole area. This is one of the ways in which a college can enrich its larger community as well as contributing to the cultural life of the student body.

LOVEJOY — E. Allan Lightner, President Bixler's assistant on campaign matters, has just returned from a swing around the country. Primarily, he has been furthering the program of the Lovejoy Memorial Fund Committee, composed of leading newspaper publishers, to raise \$300,000 for a Lovejoy Building on the new campus.

The 1,750 or so daily papers in this country plus the uncounted number of weeklies are far too many for individual calls, so Mr. Lightner has been presenting the facts to the leaders of the regional press associations. As a result, the project has been officially sponsored not only by the New England group which initiated the whole idea, but by the powerful Inland Press Association of the mid-west and the state organizations of Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Washington and California. A dozen or so other groups have similar endorsements pending adoption at their annual meetings. In each case, Mr. Lightner has found some key man who is so sold on the idea of memorializing the martyred editor that he will actively solicit subscriptions in his own group. While all papers have obligations to local institutions, the intrinsic appeal of the Lovejoy memorial is as broad as the idea of the freedom of the press itself and already nearly 200 papers from 27 states have made donations.

Chairman and active sparkplug of the project is William J. Pape, veteran publisher of the *Waterbury Republican and American*, who once came to Colby to talk to a group, and got fired with the idea that there should be a Lovejoy shrine at Colby. Mr. Pape knows something about how Lovejoy must have felt. About nine years ago his papers were awarded the Pulitzer Prize for a sensational exposure of municipal graft. Disregarding threats and attempts at personal violence, "Bill" Pape kept at it until 20 men including the mayor and the lieutenant governor of the state were behind bars. No one in the country today has a bet-

ter right to ask his colleagues to join in honoring an earlier crusading editor who carried on a lonely struggle against evil which brought him to a nameless grave, but reaffirmed in a shaky democracy the basic principle of a free press.

PRACTICAL — There has come into our hands a most curious and interesting document throwing light on the inside workings of this college in 1908. It is a lengthy memorandum written by President Charles H. White to help his successor, Arthur J. Roberts, assume the reins of office. With meticulous care, he set down everything he could think of which would be of help to the incoming president. The 32 typewritten pages constitute a veritable treatise on "What the Young College President Should Know," and it proves the writer to have been an administrator of great ingenuity and grasp of detail. In all the 8,000 words, however, there is *not one* mention of any educational considerations — nothing about academic standards, teaching personnel, library or laboratory needs. If there ever was a "practical" college president, this was the man. What, then, did he have to say to Arthur Roberts? Here are some of the items:

How to deal with the complaints by students about lack of heat.

The janitors, their duties, individual idiosyncrasies, and salaries (\$45 per month).

About the campus grass and care of shrubs.

Need for improved flag pole.

Procedure to be followed in painting: Prof. Black selects the colors.

If "the two competing electric companies combine and the price of electricity is much advanced," the college should build its own dynamo under the supervision of the professor of physics.

Desirability of hiring a woman to serve as Registrar and to do other secretarial work. Suggested salary, \$500 and room and board at Foss Hall.

Plans for utilizing space in basements and attics of present buildings.

Need for 100 folding chairs for Commencements and other events.

Estimate of yards of concrete needed to provide front walk to Foss Hall.

Organization of inspection of sanitary arrangements.

Who should supply "electric globes" to Phi Delta House.

Administration of scholarship aid. Previous to 1901, "nearly all the men in college, I believe, received scholarship aid . . . Every boy who came expected, after conversation with upper-classmen, that he ought to have a scholarship, and a large one." The next year, however, a trustee cut in the size of scholarships "made very little difference, because very few of the men, except the seniors, paid their term bills."

When you go before the Finance Committee, have a typewritten list of things to be brought up.

The advantage of having the Commencement Band Concert in the afternoon instead of the evening. (Reason: less riff-raff.)

Proper allocation of charges for wood burned in Foss Hall.

Need of having the professor of physics, or a senior designated by him, accompany meter readers to guard against over-charges.

Present division of expenses of the upkeep of the athletic field between the college and the Athletic Association.

A list of "friends of the college who are or may be easily interested in various directions."

PROTEST — Professor Parmenter told us this one about Prexy Roberts. It seems that he had a cook who cultivated a flock of pigeons by throwing out bread crumbs into the driveway. Some of the Phi Deltas next door got the idea that pigeon pie would taste good, so one day they got ready and one brother went around the house and shoed the birds from the bread crumbs and his colleague in an upstairs window fired a shotgun into the flock as they flapped by. The indignant cook marched to Roberts and demanded action. He acceded and wrote a note of protest something like this:

"Gentlemen:

"You have been shooting at my cook's tame pigeons of which she is very fond. I value her services highly and must insist that she be caused no annoyances. I will say no more except that she has her afternoons off on Thursdays.

— A. J. Roberts"

CLASSES HELD IN MILLER LIBRARY

ON March 5, 1947, another beach-head was taken in the long campaign to occupy Mayflower Hill, when the second semester opened with classes held in the Miller Library.

True, workmen were still busy in many sections of the building and the library facilities and administrative offices were yet to be moved, but in spite of all sorts of construction difficulties, there were enough classrooms ready with chairs and blackboards on the given day. Somehow, students and professors found each other in the right rooms and the first day's schedule went off with a surprisingly slight degree of confusion. Five minutes after the first bell, the writer eavesdropped outside half a dozen recitation rooms and heard the instructors deep in their lectures, just as though this were not one of the red-letter days in Colby history.

Schedule Difficulties Solved

Registrar Elmer C. Warren deserves much of the credit for the success of the changeover. Weeks previously the classroom and office space in the new building had been charted and the various classes fitted into the rooms which varied from 20 to 100 chairs in capacity. Altogether, the 17 rooms accommodate 720 students — well over the number in class at any one hour. Then, too, just to make it complicated, the schedule had to take into account the fact that the science courses and two sections of freshman English were to be held on the downtown campus, with the normal ten-minute break between classes not being enough to allow for the bus trip between old and new campuses. This was solved by an arrangement which started the morning timetable off at 7:50 downtown and 8:00 on the Hill, and juggled the class schedule so that no one had to have a Downtown class immediately following a Hill class.

Of course, the move also necessitated an entirely new bus schedule. Now there are about 175 girls and 225 boys quartered on the Hill, leaving 475 or so students to be conveyed. Class counts had indicated that the 8:00 A.M. class would offer the biggest transportation problem, but it turned out that it was the 9:00 o'clock

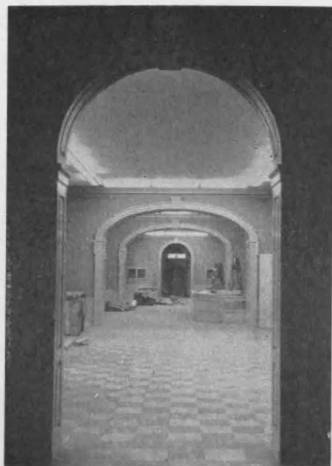


THE LIBRARY TOWER

The man painting indicates its size.

hour which overtaxed bus capacities so the local bus line was employed to handle the overflow. The unpredictable factor was the number of private cars used and how many share-the-ride passengers would be transported.

Except for the classroom facilities, all of which were occupied simultaneously on March 5, moving into



View from North end, showing exhibition room, mail delivery desk and catalog room nearing completion.

the Miller Library has been a piecemeal operation, both from the short term and long term standpoints. The use of the building has been plotted as a two-stage affair, with *Plan A* what the visitor can see today and *Plan B* yet in the future.

Plan A in Operation

To understand this it is necessary to go back to the primary steps in designing this building, when a survey of college libraries showed that with few exceptions every new library had been outgrown in about 25 years. Colby's buildings have been thought out in terms of our predictable needs for fifty or a hundred years ahead, hence the Miller Library was deliberately overbuilt for its probable needs as a library for the first two or three decades. Plan B, therefore envisages Colby's future library as several times its present size and provides special reading rooms, seminar rooms, departmental libraries, exhibition rooms, faculty offices, and so on. The present six tiers of stacks will house double our present number of books, and there will be no difficulty in building an adjacent wing for additional stacks if and when that should become necessary. In other words, Plan B devotes the entire building to library purposes.

With that future arrangement in mind, Plan A was blueprinted to permit the temporary use of a substantial part of the building for classrooms and offices, without, however, conflicting with its ultimate use. Plan A, then, is now in force, and this accounts for the unexpected contrasts which confront one as he walks from a hallway attractively finished with tinted walls and woodwork into a section with plaster board partitions and raw brick on the outer walls. The latter rooms, of course, are those which will eventually be finished off for strictly library purposes. For the time being, they are usable, if not beautiful, classrooms and offices.

More Space for Library Purposes

The Miller building may be thought of as a central section with wings across the north and south ends. The broad front steps lead up to the first



SCENES ON OPENING DAY

Top: Prof. Anthon's class in history illustrates appearance of the temporary class rooms. Middle: The Spa proved a popular feature. Below: Construction and class room work went on simultaneously.

floor, although most of the student traffic enters by the doors in each end which lead directly into the ground floor.

Although giving up space for 17 classrooms and 22 offices, the library itself enjoys several times as much space as has been available in its former quarters in Memorial Hall. In the central section, the ground floor is devoted to the reserved book reading room, while on the first floor is the catalog room and main delivery desk. The entire floor space of the south wing on this level comprises the chief reading room, specifically divided into the reference and periodical rooms. This is the last portion of the building to be finished and the shelves and other woodwork are yet to be installed as this is written.

Behind the public rooms on this floor is a large well-lighted work room for cataloging and other library procedures, with connecting offices for the Librarian and his secretary.

The stacks are contained on six floors whose total height is equal to the three floors in the front of the building. They will have 8,211 steel shelves accommodating an estimated 200,000 volumes. Along the outside wall by the windows are cubicles where faculty members or students working on special research projects may read and write in quiet, with reference material near at hand. A stairway and an elevator serve the stacks.

The northwest corner of the first floor is to be devoted to Colby's Treasure Room, with display cases for our special book collections. This will be one of the most interesting show places on the campus.

The entire top floor is devoted to classrooms of various sizes, with faculty offices tucked in wherever possible. The north wing is virtually the

administration building. On the ground floor, as you enter from the door facing the Roberts Union, the Treasurer's Department and the office of the Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings are at your right. To the left are the offices of the Registrar, Dean of Men, and Dean of Women, with a small conference room used, for instance, for the weekly visits of Veterans' Administration representatives. On the floor above is a handsome office for the President of the College, with a bay window looking toward the Union, the athletic field, and the Messalonskee valley beyond. Near by are the mimeographing and supply room, the Alumni and Publicity offices. On the next floor above will be found the offices of the Director of Admissions and of the Fund Council. The convenience of having all of these administrative officers accessible to each other in one building instead of three can well be imagined.

Spa is Popular Spot

If you should ask a student what is the best thing about the Miller Library, however, the chances are ten to one that the answer will be: "The Spa!" To the left of the south entrance (which handles most of the student traffic) is the College Store with a fully-equipped soda fountain, and stools and booths for about 50 at a time. Not only textbooks and school supplies, but the regular drugstore assortment of life's necessities, such as toothpaste, bobby pins and films, are carried in stock. The store fittings are finished in maple and knotty pine and are most attractive and modern in appearance. The stools and benches are upholstered in blue leatherette. Mr. David C. Howard, trained at Harvard Business School, has come onto the Colby staff in the dual capacity of manager of the College Store and instructor in Business Administration.

In the life of the college "the Spa," as it is usually called, promises to fill a large place. It is a rendezvous be-



THE COLLEGE STORE

Top: Books, supplies and novelties are on sale here. Middle: Refreshments, study and good fellowship are the rule. Bottom: The well-appointed soda fountain.

tween classes and, for that matter, all day. One will see a faculty member and two or three students engaged in earnest argument over their mid-morning coffee. Some couples in the booths are indulging in social chit-chat. Four fellows at a table are quizzing each other as a warm-up for an hour exam the next period. The soda bar at the popular hours is lined three deep with students clamoring for a snack. The manager estimates that 700 are served on the average day.

Dial Network Installed

In a good many senses the Miller Library serves as the hub, the focal spot, the nerve center of the campus. It is appropriate that the new campus telephone system centers here. All Mayflower Hill is now on a dial system with the college operator in an alcove on the first floor, north end.

Intra-campus calls are put through automatically, by dial, but calls from outside now are made to 1954 and the college operator connects you with the proper extension, whether in the Library or in some other building on the Hill.

The telephone cable is underground from the Messalonskee Bridge out to the campus, a total of some 10,000 feet now in invisible use. There are five trunk lines from Waterville at present and 45 instruments in the campus network, although provision is made for about 125 telephones when additional buildings are in use. Public pay stations in the Store and the dormitories have direct lines to Waterville Central. Officials of the New England Telephone Company were on hand on the morning the new system was cut in and take pride in this installation which they said is the very latest type.

The college has been waiting a long time since Merton L. Miller, '90, laid the cornerstone for this building on September 29, 1939, and it is like a dream come true when one walks up the broad steps, under the magnificent classic portico, enters the fresh new rooms with the powder-blue and sand color decorative scheme, or is shown "back stage," through the labyrinthine arrangement of rooms and devices which make the library an efficient working tool, or mingles with the crowds of students who already seem so much at home in the building.

In the passage of years ivy and trees will mellow its external appearance and new generations of boys and girls will take its facilities for granted. But, the thrill of christening this superb building belongs only to those who took possession on that slushy day in March, 1947.

COLBY ALUMNA MEETS QUEEN

By KATHERINE B. GREANEY, '28

I WAS spending the summer on the West Coast, mostly in California, when I received word that my superintendent was eager for me to accept an offer to come to Britain as an exchange teacher. My school board was most receptive to the idea, so on a week's notice, I sailed for England. I have, since arriving in August, managed to spend a week hiking from ten to fifteen miles daily in the lovely Lake District, toured Scotland, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, spent three weeks "doing" London and environs, and weekends seeing Chester, Ludlow, Shrewsbury, Cambridge, Oxford, Stratford-on-Avon, Leicester, York, Harrogate, and many other English spots. I expect before sailing home to see much more of England, to spend two weeks at a special lecture course planned for our benefit during April at Stratford-on-Avon, to fly to Paris and Switzerland for the spring holidays, and either at Whitsuntide or in August to tour Ireland. I have not seen as much of Yorkshire as I should, for the weather seems always to be against me. I've twice tried to view Ilkley Moors but first fog, then rain made visibility

Katherine B. Greaney, '28, was the teacher in the Washington area to be selected by the United States Office of Education to be exchange teacher in England under an international goodwill program. Formerly on the faculty of the Waterville Junior High School, she has been in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase (Md.) High School for the past eight years, also picking up an MA at George Washington University. The accompanying letter about her experiences indicates that she has not overlooked many opportunities to get acquainted with a cross section of our British cousins.

zero. I quite understand now why Shakespeare wrote "The rain it raineth every day." For the last four weeks, however, it has been the snow it snoweth every day.

I am teaching at a mixed grammar school which corresponds roughly to the academic course in a combined junior-senior high school in America with some work equivalent to that of a junior college. My students range from junior high level to junior college level—quite some variance. I walk from a class of eleven year olds

into a class of students averaging about eighteen years.

Besides this very full teaching program, I have been exceedingly busy lecturing to school and university groups in Bradford and Leeds as well as to numerous civic groups in Yorkshire. In addition, I have found the social life pretty strenuous.

As the guest of barristers, I had the opportunity of attending the opening of the Leeds Assies, an impressive ceremony. I have crawled on my hands and knees through newly cut veins in the Allerton-Bywater Colliery in Wakefield. I have visited schools of all types here and in Scandinavia, have attended Labour Party Meetings, Fabian Society Lectures, had tea with a group of Conservatives honouring Lord Wakehurst and Lady Halifax, been entertained in humble basement homes and at sixteenth century farm-homes, and talked with folk from all walks of life.

I recently met Harry Ree who took so active a part in the underground movement in France. The RAF have just released a film on his activities in which he acts. He is quite content, now, to teach at a boys gram-

mar school nearby. If you see the documentary film, "School for Danger," you will realize why the quiet life appeals to him.

Life here offers unaccustomed hardships. Typical of thousands of homes at present, the house where I stay has had no coal for two weeks, the drain pipes are frozen, and a plumber is as hard to find as lumps of coal. The snow is still piled high in this area, trains have been curtailed drastically, electric current is on only in the early morning, for a short while at noon, and at night. According to all accounts, conditions are much worse, life far more austere than at any time during the past seven years. Even food is less abundant except that fruit is now available in small quantities. Except that there are no air raids, the English feel life is much harder than formerly.

But you want to hear about the Queen. Wrapped in all the woolies I can find, my typewriter balanced on my knees to enable me to get closer to the electric heater, I sit blistering on one side, freezing on the other, trying hard to concentrate on this letter and to ignore, politely, my loquacious landlady who shares the one-bar fire with me. My thoughts persist in dwelling on the comforts of American furnaces and sunshine. The latter is rarely seen in this Industrial North, and the former is scorned in favor of "cozy open fires."

When I hurried from school to my "digs" for lunch on December 9, I found a letter marked "personal and confidential." On tearing open the envelope, I learned that an At Home had been arranged by Viscountess Astor for the 74 American Exchange Teachers to Great Britain "to have the honour of meeting Her Majesty The Queen." The letter informed me "that from the point of view of the British Commonwealth of Nations this is the highest social honour which can be conferred on anyone." That statement, I suppose, was meant to let us know that to the British such an invitation is tantamount to a command. The "hush, hush" preceding the affair was to prevent the press from printing any announcement. The previous week when the Royal Family attended a function which had been given advance publicity, the jam of people and traffic was so great that the bobbies were unable to cope with it efficiently.



The writer with a group of her British pupils.

The formal invitation arrived by a later post. I scurried about to borrow "white kid gloves" deemed necessary and started practicing a curtsy, for "It is customary in Great Britain for a woman being presented to the Queen to curtsy and a man to bow." I already possessed "an afternoon frock and hat." By this time, it is probably plain to you that my advance notice and instructions came from a former "schoolmarm," later an Inspector of Schools, now Chairman of the Committee on the Interchange of Teachers for Great Britain, Miss Edith Ford.

I arrived at Dartmouth House just off Berkley Square in London's West End at three o'clock on the cold, wet afternoon of the presentation, December 19. The building is the fashionable club of the English-Speaking Union of which we American teachers are guest members during our stay here. There is a broad, marble stairway from the lower lounge to a landing where it divides and sweeps gracefully to two spacious rooms above. Near the entrance to one of these rooms stood Lady Astor to whom we were presented by a bestriped-trousered man. Then we were handed an imposing guest list, three pages long, of the Britishers who had been invited to the tea to meet us teachers.

I waited for Lady Astor to "strut her stuff" as a character. She did

not fail me. Jumping onto a chair from time to time—after all, she is a tiny person easily lost in a crowded room unless she asserts herself, which she usually does—she attracted our attention whenever a guest of unusual importance arrived. Until three-thirty, we talked with these guests, then the American teachers were gathered in one room while the British went to the second. We stood in a semi-circle facing the entrance through which the Queen walked. As she paused in the archway, we did a slight curtsy. Photographers posed the Queen among us for three pictures. Then she received, Lady Astor presenting us. We placed the right hand beneath hers, looked directly at her as we curtsied. She began a conversation with each of us questioning us about the sections of the country which we represented and asking for our reactions to England. The presentations took a long time; however, it is the impression of genuine interest in the affairs of the people she meets that is Queen Elizabeth's greatest asset.

She was smartly dressed in a grey crepe and sheer wool costume with a matching hat trimmed with ostrich plumes. It was the same outfit, including her furs, that she wore at the wedding of the Mountbatten girl in the autumn. Her complexion is as beautiful as you have heard it is. Her brown hair and eyes are lovely. She is quite plump, well "boned and

stayed," and, of course, perfectly groomed.

The presentations over, she sat at a tea table with Lady Astor and one of the teachers. The British guests remained in the second room. The teachers circulated about the two rooms, sometimes joining the Queen, sometimes those invited to meet them. I particularly enjoyed conversing with Lady Mountbatten, Professor Sir Patrick Abercrombie, the bemonocled professor of Town Planning whom you may have seen in the film on the rebuilding of Plymouth, and General Sir Frederick Morgan, Late Deputy Chief of Staff under Allied Supreme Commander. As the Queen stayed until five-thirty, I had ample opportunity to talk with most of the guests, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, numerous lords and ladies, representatives of the British Government and of the

American Embassy. I already knew most of the latter having met them either at the Embassy tea given us in August, or at the combined Ministry of Education and English-Speaking Union dinner, also held in August.

Although Field-Marshal Montgomery, Winston Churchill, Prime Minister Atlee, and Anthony Eden were on the guest list, they were not present. Montgomery was on his Russian trip at the time. There were masters present representing various colleges at Oxford and Cambridge, as well as prominent writers, actors, etc. I had hoped to meet the eminent historian, Dr. Trevelyan, as I missed him when I was at Cambridge in early September, but he was not present, either. I have been told that if I can manage to return to Cambridge before leaving England, I shall have that pleasure. I was entertained on my first trip there by the Master of Queens and his

wife in their beautiful gallery apartments which are much older than the college itself, having once been part of a monastery.

At five-thirty, the Queen prepared to leave. The American teachers were asked to line the stairway as far as the landing. As the Queen descended the opposite staircase with her attendants, she made the characteristic hand-lifting gesture which you have no doubt witnessed in the news reels. We, as bidden, cheered her in the British manner. At that point the English guests joined us and cheered also.

Later, as I awaited a taxi in the lower-lounge, Lady Astor singled me out and started talking over the affair. She repeated what the Queen had said of her afternoon. She thanked Lady Astor for giving her the opportunity of meeting us. Typical British graciousness!

STUDENT RELIGION IN OTHER DAYS

By LEON C. STAPLES, '03

THE new campus on Mayflower Hill is an inspiration to every Colby graduate, but the College will never be greater than the human material which sets the standards and provides the leadership. As soon as the *Alumnus* reaches me, I turn to the President's Page, and I am becoming aware that President Bixler is a truly great man and an inspired teacher. His page in the January *Alumnus* has inspired this contribution.

It is hard to realize that nearly half a century has passed since I entered Colby College. My heritage traced back to the Pilgrims, but none of my immediate family were at that time members of the Christian Church. As a student at Coburn I announced my allegiance to Christ and joined the Methodist Church in Waterville. I entered Colby with a determination to grow both intellectually and spiritually. I, therefore, immediately joined the College Y. M. C. A., and aligned myself with the forces for good, according to my understanding and as I was led of the spirit.

We were a heterogeneous group, rather puritanical in our conception of religion and I, for one, was a militant circuit rider. We held weekly prayer

meetings on the ground floor of old Recitation Hall and had regular classes on the Life of Christ, using the College Y. M. C. A. teaching material. We were a representative group but never had the cooperation of fifty percent of the men attending College and, at times, had considerable active opposition to our way of life. As I remember this situation, we were quite confident of our own righteousness and actually sought a few crosses to carry. We were in earnest and sincere, but were also intolerant, illiberal and inconsiderate. We needed adult leadership badly and we had little or none.

Some of us in North College discovered that, anciently, each division in the Bricks had closed the day with prayer and the reading of the Scriptures. We revived this practice, and George Thomas, assuming the leadership, opened our room to all who cared to attend. This was a voluntary practice of religion of which President Bixler has written. It worked, and before we knew it, many of the fellows who did not belong to the Y. M. were meeting with us. In our junior year this resulted in a real revival of religion and about twenty men acknowledged their allegiance to God and joined vari-

ous churches in town. Most of these men, thereafter, lived Christian lives and assumed large responsibilities after College. Incidentally, this experience ultimately led George Thomas into the Christian Ministry.

While there were Y. M. groups in every Maine college, no attempt had ever been made for cooperative understanding and encouragement. Under the leadership of A. B. Williams, then the travelling Secretary for Colleges in New England and the Maritime province, and during my term as President of our Y. M., a conference was held at Colby with the Maine Association. In the midst of a terrific snow storm we packed the old chapel at all meetings. This all resulted in a better feeling between the two Colleges and a strengthening of the Christian Associations.

The Student Volunteer Convention was held at Toronto during my junior year. All the Maine Colleges sent representatives, but Colby topped the list with twenty-two delegates from both Associations. The entire Maine delegation travelled together in a day coach sitting up all night in order to live within our limited budget. We were, of course, entertained in Toronto, free

of charge. This was an outstanding meeting of Christian Students under the leadership of John R. Mott. As a delegate, I can remember this meeting as the greatest experience of my life. No one returned to College without a newness of life and a broadened faith.

I want to apologize for writing in the first person, but religion is, after all, a personal experience and I can best speak for myself. I came from a family of money makers and I had a ready-made business awaiting me. After my Colby Y. M. experience I could not live for myself alone. I became a public servant in one of the poorest paid services in America. To be sure, my faith has broadened. I have come to understand the true

meaning of democracy and am tolerant in my relation with all men. My conception of the eternal values have changed little through the years. Now on retirement, I am able to say that God has rewarded me and has abundantly provided for me. I received an education at Colby, but more than that, I became aware of the goodness, the greatness, and the nearness of God. The ultimate purpose of all education, as I have conceived it, is to build men and women in the image of God. In the spiritual realm, there is an unbroken thread running from generation to generation, and without this there would be no common purpose in the world or faith in the ultimate triumph of right.

thinker they have a charm of their own, not only in the ideas, but equally in the reflection that this presentation gives of a serene, witty and intelligent mind moving freely among the ideas it so clearly loves well."

—*The Springfield Republican*

"... Liberal education has two vital duties at this hour: '(1) Our colleges must save society from the results of its own unreasonableness; and (2) we must take specific account of the extraordinary reinforcement that has come to the aid of our moral teaching—the utter incompatibility of civilization and war... but above all (we) must no longer listen to those strident voices insisting that human nature will not change.'

"President Bixler is a man of keen perspective, superb intelligence and profound faith in the future of mankind. He is assured that, no matter how bad things may become, man is not completely unredeemed so long as he has 'a passion for the truth and for the unity that truth can bring.' Delightful, intelligent and informative, *Conversations with an Unrepentant Liberal* should be required reading for all.

"We would, indeed, all do well to memorize and abide by Cebes' prayer: 'Lead us out of the cave, O God of Truth. Help us to realize our common task as men, in whatever land or age our lot is cast. Make our words flower in deeds and help us through both to realize the unity that is ours since we are Thine. And grant to each of us the understanding heart which, as Thou didst reveal to the wise man of old, is the surest pledge that all things else will be added.'"

—*The Hartford Courant Magazine*

"... The best chapter in the little book is the one on dynamic religion. Here Dr. Bixler sees his problem with great clarity. Since the liberal cannot be dogmatic, he had better be dynamic. Therein lies his hope. Further there are places where he might be more definite as well as dynamic. 'Don't you believe in revelation?' asks Simmias at one very interesting point in their discussion. 'Let me ask you this,' says Cebes, as he parries the question, and off they go again with their qualifying comments. If the liberal is to be dynamic, there are times where he must be willing to say Yes

BIXLER'S BOOK LAUDED

PRESIDENT BIXLER'S book, *Conversations with an Unrepentant Liberal*, * published last spring by the Yale University Press, has been receiving widespread approval from reviewers. From a collection of some 20 clippings gathered by the publishers, the following extracts indicate typical viewpoints.

"The President of Colby College, in the State of Maine, hit upon an entertaining device for discussing the trends and difficulties of modern Liberalism. Two Greek philosophers, who were friends and contemporaries of Plato, meet over breakfast at North Station in Boston in the year A. D. 1945 and continue their discussions of religion and philosophy. Simmias, a disciple of John Dewey, prides himself in having outgrown Liberalism, which he accuses of being unrealistic, sentimental and intellectually arrogant. Cebes, the 'unrepentant Liberal,' is conscious of the frustrations and practical failures of his creed, but clings to it as an act of faith.

"In the discussions here reported, continuing throughout their journey by train and air between Boston and New Haven, with stops at Cambridge and Providence, they touch in turn on the meaning of Liberalism in politics, religion and education. By this ingenious device, which creates an impression of noisy movement from one point to another, and by the free use

of epigrams and at times 'wise-cracks,' the author contrives to sustain the interest even of the general reader in technical philosophical theorizing....

"Mr. Bixler has much that is stimulating and valuable to suggest; and in spite of the elaborateness of the joke in which he has embodied his views, which appeals more to the American than the English sense of humour, he is well worth attention and study."

—*London Times Literary Supplement*

"... It is, however, in the discussion of education that Mr. Bixler's views reach their full stature. Utilitarianism is shown to be unsatisfactory. Yet the principle of alternation between withdrawal and participation will produce students who 'know something well and do something well.' As to college curriculum and methods, Cebes and Jaques Bargun would see eye to eye—a more organic character, more requirements and fewer elections, with history, philosophy and religion as the interpreter of the sciences, language, literature and art, and political and economic institutions. No 'student centered education' for him....

"These conversations are far more interesting, I think, than those of Cebes and Simmias in the *Phaedo*...."

—*The New York Times Book Review*

"... The material of these essays is not for the casual reader, obviously, but for a more seriously minded

*—Copies may be purchased from the Colby College Bookstore, price \$2.

or No, which is something that the liberal invariably finds difficult.

"Here is what seems to me the real contribution of the book. Liberalism is one of the needed leavens in the great seething mass of modern humanity. We need the liberal all the more because of the blinding forces that seem to crush and discredit him. If the liberal can be unrepentant and humble at the same time, as we can well believe Dr. Bixler to be, we should be grateful to him for defending his position. We always need the liberal most when we appreciate him the least. If we remind him that we must not abandon our faith for the sake of reason, he reminds us that we must not abandon our reason for the sake of our faith, even though it remains forever true that the pilgrim walks by faith and not by sight."

—Crozer Quarterly

"... Differences are sharply expressed in these conversations, yet a considerable area of agreement appears. Mr. Bixler's conclusion is that 'the liberal has a significant message for our age since at heart he is not a party member or a defender of a special creed but one who feels the unity of the human cause and the commonness of the human aim.'

"This small volume is an important one. Its defense of liberalism is worthy of careful study. The critic will be challenged by it, the defender encouraged. It will stimulate many conversations by the sons of Simmias and Cebes."

—The Christian Century

"In the Terry Lectures at Yale, President Bixler of Colby College had the courage to present the point of view of modern liberalism in philosophy, religion, and education in a human and often humorous form. Indeed, it is this very human quality of his philosophy which gives it the flavoring salt of common sense, thus guaranteeing a more nearly fully-rounded interpretation of life and motive for action. . . . To many a repentant liberal it should also bring a new 'sense of sin,' which could provide him with the redeeming power of new vision. This book deserves a wide and thoughtful reading from all sorts and conditions of men."

—Harvard Alumni Bulletin

More Unforgettable Characters

MORE RECOLLECTIONS WANTED

The memories of campus personalities of other years published in recent issues inspired the warm recollections printed herewith. Do you have any of your own? If so, please sit down and write the editor about your college memories.

MY MOST OUTSTANDING PROFESSORS

AS I look back on those dear Colby days, three, at least, of my professors come before my mind's eye.

Dear Professor Roberts as he crossed hastily to a window which he raised vigorously then turning to his open-mouthed class remarked: "The air must be bad here since a young lady has been unable to recite." We had felt that the young lady in question was going to be thrown headlong from the windows.

Judy Taylor — The Roman — to us. How absolutely impeccable he was! His "Sweetly Laughing Lalgé"! Can one ever forget his loving interpretation of those old Latin poems.

Then Dutchy Marquardt. Perhaps the most colorful of them all. You say he was small. To me he seemed a veritable giant. We didn't dare make mistakes, not *one*. We learned our "ich bins" and actually could talk and think a little in German. His demand for perfection, though difficult for us to attain, inspired such honesty of accomplishment in our hearts that the lesson learned was: Never be satisfied with less than one's absolute best.

Many a tale could be told about Dutchy yet he succeeded in teaching the dullest of us to respect him and his language. I hope he never had to know any other.

—SARAH E. GRAY, '05

UNFORGETTABLE CHARACTERS OF COLBY

JUDY — Chef — Dutchy — all familiar figures to us of '22!

I have in my possession an article on "Personality," which Judy very

graciously had his typist copy for me. He wrote it and lived it in a very dignified way. I have not acquired a personality like unto his suggestion — wish I had — but the things he says meant and do mean much.

I have just been re-reading "Footprints of Arthur J. Roberts." His was a great heart. The Baccalaureate Sermon given on June 27, 1920, could well be copied in pamphlet form and distributed to every graduate as they file from last chapel. "Give and it shall be given unto you."

His chapel talks so often were taken from the Book of Proverbs that I never read Proverbs without thinking of Prexy Roberts.

One day in Education class we were each to write an article on a subject which now I have forgotten. Our class was held in the chapel and Prexy faced us leaning on the back of the seat ahead.

You know his build: sturdy chest — erect bearing — clean, ruddy face — brusque but kindly — stern but ever just.

At that time I weighed less than one hundred pounds and was not made of what it takes to be a public speaker.

Prexy pointed his finger at little me and said, "Read yours."

I read. What I read and the value thereof, if there was any, is all forgotten, but his words as I finished will never be forgotten.

"You think that is pretty good, don't you?"

Mind you he hadn't said it was good and he hadn't said it was a flunk either. What should I reply? I was too scared to say anything.

Again he said, "You think that is a good essay, don't you?"

Finally realizing I must answer something I replied: "It may be good or it may be bad, but I know it is the best I can do," and I sat down.

"Good. Do your best always," was his answer and a smile that warmed the heart of me spread over his face. His sternness covered a warmth of feeling.

His bark was worse than his bite.

We all admired Prexy Roberts.

—RUTH GOODWIN, '22

HEADS NATIONAL PRISON ASSOCIATION

THE members of the American Prison Association recently elected Harold E. Donnell, '12, superintendent of prisons of Maryland, to be their president for 1947. Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth, daughter of the famous Salvation Army founder, was reelected honorary vice president.

This association is one of the oldest national professional organizations in the country, having been started by Rutherford B. Hayes, governor of Ohio, before he became president. Mr. Donnell is the first person from either Maine or Maryland to be elected APA president.

This honor is well merited by Mr. Donnell who is recognized as one of the nation's leading penologists. After a few years of high school teaching he entered his correctional career as assistant superintendent of the Sockanosset School for Boys in Rhode Island and in this position was among the first to introduce mental testing and psychiatric service to correctional institutions. During the first World War he was an officer in the Navy utilizing his experience by being assigned to the United States Naval Prison at Portsmouth as educational and administrative officer under Thomas Mott Osborne.

At the close of the war he was called to Maine to establish and plan out the building of a new reformatory for men in that state. Following four years of service in Maine, he accepted the position of Superintendent of the Maryland Training School for Boys at Loch Raven, Maryland, where he expanded the facilities of that institution by adding nearly a half million dollars worth of new buildings which include a modern academic and vocational school unit. In 1930 Mr. Donnell became Superintendent of the Maryland Prison system which position he still occupies as well as being a member of the Board of Probation and Parole in that state.

During the past sixteen years he has, in cooperation with his Board of Correction, built two reformatories, one for males and one for women, made many other additions to the penal system of the state, as well as assisted in plans for other institutions, both new and expansion units. He has served



HAROLD E. DONNELL, '12

on the Board of Directors of the Cheltenham School for Colored Boys, the Prisoner's Aid Association, the Advisory Board of the Salvation of Churches. He was an active organizer of the Association of the States in the early thirties and helped with others to finally force an opinion from the Supreme Court to clarify the atmosphere relative to the Contract Legal Problem which finally had to be disposed of before State Use and Public Works Program could be fully developed as a means of supplying work for prisoners in the many states of the Union.

Mr. Donnell also functioned as chairman of the Social Welfare Survey Commission of Maryland by appointment of the late Governor Albert C. Ritchie which Commission laid the foundation for the present welfare setup in the State. Recently, Mr. Donnell has acted as Secretary and Advisor to the newly appointed Commission on Youth Services inaugurated in 1945, and he has, as well, been active in many civic affairs of the State.

Commenting on the appointment, one editorial writer stated: "The new president of the American Prison Association is firm in his beliefs, uncompromising in what he believes to be right, but tolerant of the opinions of others whom he believes to have as good a right to their judgments as he

has to his own. With this background and more than a quarter of a century as an active participant of the American Prison Association during which time he has served as Vice-President for ten years, Mr. Donnell may be expected to give a good accounting of himself in leading the destinies of this old and accredited Association. It is certain that it is his intention to do so, and it undoubtedly is the belief of all those who so valiantly supported him at the Detroit conference."

Mr. Donnell is a native of Mt. Desert, Maine. He prepared at Coburn Classical Institute and at Colby became a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. His daughter, Doris Donnell Vickery, was graduated in 1934.

BIXLER HONORED BY UNION COLLEGE

PRESIDENT BIXLER received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., at their Founders Day convocation March 20. Dr. Bixler gave an address on Laurens Persens Hickok, an early president of Union who is now regarded as America's ablest philosopher of the pre-Civil War period.

The citation, read by President Carter Davidson of Union, follows:

"Julius Seelye Bixler, theologian and educator, son of Connecticut in the royal line of Seelye presidents, holder of three degrees from Amherst, student and teacher in such widely separated localities as Freiburg, Beirut, Madras, New Haven, and Northampton, Bussey professor of theology at Harvard and twice Acting Dean of its Divinity School,—an unrepentant liberal in a world of clashing dogmatisms, you have shown that free minds can be religious and that religious minds can be free. Grandson of the nephew and collaborator of Laurens P. Hickok, Union is especially proud to add your name to its alumni on this occasion and, as president of Colby since 1942, in this historic year of occupancy of its new campus on Mayflower Hill."

A MUSICAL COMEDY of Colby College, pleasantly fantastic and sprinkled with good tunes, constituted the Varsity Show of 1947.

The germ of the affair grew out of a casual dormitory conversation more than a year ago to the effect that "we ought to have a Varsity Show again." Russell Farnsworth of Millinocket and Roscoe Schlesinger of New York put their heads together and decided to give it a try, so they came back from summer vacation with a full length play by the former and 15 or 20 original tunes composed by Schlesinger. Together they enlisted a cast and rehearsals began long before Christmas.

Besides the normal assortment of troubles which befall any producers, Farnsworth & Schlesinger felt that the ceiling had fallen in on them when, within a couple of weeks of opening, the leading lady broke her ankle on the ice and the leading man withdrew from college, a victim of midyear examinations. After several frantic days, a new male lead was found who settled down to learn the songs from recordings made for the purpose, and boned up on the lines. The young lady was fixed up with a walkable plaster cast and some passages were written into the play making her injury a part of the plot.

As a tryout, the cast put on a free performance before the Waterville High School and came into the opening night in the Women's Gymnasium with as good a performance as one can wish for in amateur circles.

"Let There Be Men," as the show is titled, deals with an innocent girl who enrolls here under her mother's mistaken impression that this is Colby Junior College for girls. Finding the company of male students enjoyable, she never lets her mother know of the error. The catastrophic peak, however, is reached when the mother makes a surprise visit to the college. Amazingly enough, a charming bachelor professor makes the mother revise her anti-male attitude and the final curtain falls on three couples jubiling in six-part harmony. Dance routines by a quartette of co-eds and by four "professors," together with some not-too-barbed impersonations of promi-



FARNSWORTH & SCHLESINGER

In the opinion of Colby students this musical comedy team ranks well up with Gilbert and Sullivan.

nent faculty members had the capacity audience rolling in the aisles.

That the urbane script came off, is due to long rehearsing and patient directing by the co-directors, as well as to just plain luck. The songs sounded fully as good as the average professional musical comedy music — no small achievement for undergraduate musicianship. It will be remembered by present students as a major high spot of 1947.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Open House — Sunday, March 9, was the day for all members of the Colby Family to view the interior of the Roberts Union. The Union House Committee prepared printed guide sheets for all guests, refreshments were served, and a most delightful afternoon was spent inspecting this new men's building.

Harris — Prof. Seymour E. Harris of Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration spoke on "The Threat of Inflation to American Economy" at the March 14th Averill Lecture.

At Home — A musical "At Home" at the home of President and Mrs. Bixler on March 16 was one of the first

social occasions for the Bixlers after their return to Waterville from a trip which took them to California and back.

New Men — Thirty-one new men were admitted to the college at the beginning of the second semester on March 5. In this group were included twelve former Colby students who have returned after military service.

Style Show — A most successful Style Show and Tea were held in the Women's Union on March 12 under the auspices of the Colby Wives Club. All clothes shown on this occasion were loaned by Squire's Women's Shop in Waterville, whose proprietor is Russell M. Squire, '25.

Thursday Dances — Regular Thursday evening "vic" dances are now one of the social features of the Roberts Union.

New Course — The Curriculum Committee of the college, at its meeting on March 24, approved the addition of a course in Contemporary Literature to the present English schedule.

Beethoven Concert — An all-Beethoven Concert was presented on March 23 by Walter Habenicht of Bangor, violinist, and Dr. Ermanno F. G. Comporet, Colby Music Department, pianist. Mr. Habenicht has played with the Boston Symphony and at the Metropolitan Opera in New York. He has also appeared as concert artist at Colby in the past and is a member of the Colby-Community Symphony Orchestra.

Montgomery — The Montgomery Interscholastic Speaking Contest, suspended during the war years, will be resumed this spring. Prof. Cecil A. Rollins, '17, has announced that the contest will be held on May 23. This year the contest will be one of Public Address, with contestants delivering a speech or a portion of a speech formerly delivered by a well known speaker in the years since 1918.

SCA — Miriam Marsh, '47, daugh-

ter of Alberta Shepherd Marsh, '18, took over the presidency of the Student Christian Association at mid-years taking the place of Arnold Tozer who completed his work for graduation at that time. She had been vice-president.

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Libe Prize — The Colby Library Associates have announced their annual competition for the best personal library owned by a member of the senior class.

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Medics — A new organization of pre-med students and others interested has been holding meetings with papers by members or guest speakers. Dr. Theodore E. Hardy, '28, spoke on March 17 on "Anaesthesia."

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Cine — Motion picture classics shown by the Colby Film Society at their regular bi-weekly meetings lately have included: "Crime and Punishment," "Alexander Nevsky," and "The Plow that Broke the Plains."

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Our Town — Prof. Cecil A. Rollins, '17, has called for tryouts for the second Powder & Wig Play of the season, Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," which will be presented May 17.

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Guests — A new arrangement permits up to ten dormitory girls daily to dine in the Roberts Union with their escorts without extra charge. These guest tickets, it is said, are all spoken for for a week or two in advance.

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Boardman — A three-day religious emphasis program was held March 18-20 under the auspices of the Boardman Society, an organization of students interested in some phase of religious work as a career. One of the visiting leaders was Rev. Marlin D. Farnum, '23, from the American Baptist Foreign Missions Board.

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Trip — The Glee Clubs journeyed to Dover-Foxcroft recently where they put on a concert of serious and light music which was enthusiastically received.

Intramural — The second semester saw the interfraternity basketball league resumed with the DU's in the van with a clean slate of eight wins.

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Camera Club — An Eastman lecture and plans for the spring salon of members' photographs featured the opening meeting of the term.

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Focus — The second issue of "Focus," a student literary publication, is due off the mimeograph in April.

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Banquet — Because the women's student body has outgrown any single dining room on the campus, the traditional Undergraduate Banquet was held this year simultaneously in three places. In Mary Low, the speaker was Neil Leonard, '21, chairman of the board of trustees. In Louise Curn, Mrs. Ruth Hamilton Whittemore, '12, of Portland, a trustee and former president of the Alumnae

Council, was the speaker. In Foss Hall, Mrs. Elizabeth Solie Howard, '40, told about the experimental work done by her husband in perfecting survival techniques for downed airmen in the tropics.

ON DEAN'S LIST

AMONG the students named on the Dean's List for the first semester for honor rank were the following sons and daughters of Colby College:

Paul Choate, Winslow; Robert A. Marden, Waterville; Daniel J. Shanahan, Miami, Fla.; M. Colby Tibbetts, Manhasset, N. Y.; Joan Hunt, Bay-side, N. Y.; Helen Jacobs, Portland; Jane Wallace, Little Falls, N. Y.; Roberta Young, Harrison; Louise Gillingham, Saco; Ruth Marriner, Waterville; Barbara Fransen, Swampscott, Mass.



Worth Reading!

In the opinion of

Edward J. Colgan

Professor of Psychology

HIROSHIMA, by John Hersey

This little book of 118 pages is one of the most significant documents of this fateful period. I would suggest that it be read together with the article "The Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb" by former Secretary of War Stimson in *Harper's* for February, and that the reader then consider the cataclysmic consequences if some future Secretary of War should decide that inexorable circumstance compels him to sanction a still more awful human holocaust.

PEACE OF MIND, by Rabbi Joshua L. Liebman

An honest attempt to make available to the general public "the reassuring and constructive discoveries about human nature made by psychiatrists and psychoanalysts, and to show how this newest science of psychology and a really mature religion can become creative partners in the promotion of the good life."

THE AMERICAN, by Howard Fast

This 32 year old author of "Freedom Road" and "Citizen Tom Paine" here tells the story of John Peter Altgeld, a man of heroic purpose, who rose from humblest beginnings in our mid-west to affluence and power, and sacrificed these in defense of Chicago's laborers and the common man of America.

HOLMER NAMED FOOTBALL COACH

By DICK REID '47

THE announcement of the appointment of Walter Holmer, late Boston University coach, to be Colby's new head coach of football has aroused very favorable reactions from the leading Boston sports commentators and by some of the high school coaches around the Hub whose opinions are valued in pigskin circles. The long, lean veteran of Big Ten and pro gridiron circles is spoken of as a high grade man who knows his football and is all for the boys at the same time.

The search for a new coach has been going on intensively since present Varsity Coach Danny Lewis announced his resignation on January 11. Some 75 candidates were first screened by Gilbert F. Loeb, head of the Department of Health and Physical Education, and Ellsworth W. Millett, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, on the basis of their papers or by personal interviews here and in Boston and New York. The more promising candidates were then brought up for discussion by the Athletic Council which consists of two members elected by the alumni, Ralph N. Good, '10, and Wallace A. Donovan, '30; two from the faculty, Prof. Lester F. Weeks, '15, and Prof. Sherwood F. Brown; and two undergraduates, Clarence R. Reid, '47, and Eugene A. Hunter, '48. Loeb and Millett, of course, sat in on all meetings. The field was finally narrowed down to four and each of these candidates came to Waterville to be interviewed and to look over the situation from his own standpoint. The net result was the enthusiastic recommendation of Walter Holmer to President Bixler who forthwith made the appointment.

Holmer comes to Colby as the fourth coach to take the reins in the past five active seasons (the wartime years of '43 and '44 discounted). He will have no easy task to round a good team from last season's club against the same schedule.

But the background of the 44 year-old native of Moline, Illinois, indicates that he has the talents to do the job, and Colby people are pointing back to ten seasons ago, when another man



Mr. and Mrs. Holmer talk over their plans to come to Waterville.

who cut his coaching teeth in Greater Boston stepped into the breach and put Colby in the football spotlight.

Holmer played his first football at Moline High School and then matriculated to Northwestern University, where he was varsity halfback for three seasons and captain of the 1928 team. He was an All-Big Ten selection that season, and an All-Western choice as well. Following the close of the season, he played in the East-West Shriners' game at San Francisco, and upon graduation signed a pro contract to play with the Chicago Bears.

After two seasons, Holmer moved over to the Chicago Cardinals for two more autumns and was then sent to Boston in 1933, where he finished his career between the Hub and Pittsburgh.

Holmer decided to stay in the East when he was offered the backfield coaching post at Boston University under Pat Hanley in 1934, and he remained with Terrier teams until last fall except for a hitch in the Navy dur-

ing the war. One of his brightest pupils as backfield mentor was the famed Gary Famiglietti, Chicago Bears and Boston Yanks fullback of note.

When Hanley entered the service in 1942, Holmer was appointed as head coach at Boston University, and despite the fact that he had a squad that included 19 sophomores, his team won four and lost four for the season.

In 1943, Holmer followed his ex-boss into the service as a physical instructor at Chapel Hill, N. C., under the Tom Hamilton program, and by the time he was discharged in 1945, he had risen to Lieutenant Commander.

Holmer returned to Boston University to run an informal eleven in 1945, and then returned to intercollegiate football last autumn. Boston University, already eyeing the Big Time, tackled a stiff schedule, despite a squad almost entirely of G.I. veterans. After a 41-6 shellacking at the hands of Syracuse, Holmer pulled his team together and they found winning ways a habit, taking five out of their remaining seven

games. One of the other two brought the limelight to Holmer's place on the coach's stage, for he whipped his team into tying Brown, 14-14. The other contest was lost to New Hampshire in the final moments.

After the season, Holmer decided that big time football was not what he desired and resigned to take a physical director's post at Cushing General Hospital. He was one of 75 applicants for the Colby spot, and was most delighted when notified that he was accepted.

Holmer will also assist Swede Anderson in track during the off-season, as Anderson will be his aide in football. He will employ the single wing with a little "T", according to his own confession, and plans to look over his prospects in two weeks of drill in the first part of June.

Holmer is married to the former Blanche Cartner, whom he met at Northwestern, and they have a son, Richard, aged 11. Their main problem at present is to solve Waterville's housing shortage, which has been the scourge of many a student this season.

If anyone should ask Holmer about lucky dates, he would very likely be told that the 13th was it. Unlike most people, who have found the dozen-plus-one digit a jinx, Holmer married his wife on the 13th of the month, their child was born on the 13th, and he was interviewed for the Colby post on the 13th of March. Perhaps Colby will be content to score 13 points per game next fall, provided the opposition does not exceed 12.

SPRING SPORTS

IF spring weather is good to Colby athletes, the college will sponsor one of the largest programs in history. Varsity and junior varsity schedules have been arranged in baseball, and track, golf, and tennis will return to their power status. That will provide activity from April 15 to May 31. In the first two weeks of June, if present plans work out, new football coach Walter Holmer will get acquainted with his Colby prospects for next season in spring practice.

Coach Eddie Roundy is back at the baseball helm, after a bout with illness, and looking forward to having a contending nine in the state series. He has Captain Bob St. Pierre and

Mike Puiia as two thirds of a strong outfield, and Don "Sparky" Johnson back from the '43 team as bright candidate for the other garden spot.

The infield is the question of the team at present, although John Spinner, midyear transfer from Boston College, looks like the first baseman, and Arvy Holt is back at second. George Clark, the freshman basketball star, is a likely third sacker, with several fighting it out for shortstop, including Don Zabriske and Will Eldridge of basketball fame.

Roundy hopes to find both a shortfielder and third baseman, so he can employ Clark's adept pitching talents in a promising mound squad, led by veterans Mitch Jaworski and Carl Wright and prospects George Toomey, converted from first, and Tubby Washburn, basketball high scorer.

Behind the bat are three steady men in George "Bud" McKay, prewar regular, Norman White, and Bunny Fields.

Varsity Schedule

Apr. 15	Bowdoin (exhibition)
" 17	Bates (exhibition)
" 19	Maine at Orono (exhibition)
" 22	Bowdoin
May 6	Maine at Orono
" 10	Bates at Lewiston
" 15	Bowdoin at Brunswick
" 17	Boston College
" 23	Northeastern
" 24	Bates
" 27	Maine
" 30	Boston University at Boston
" 31	Northeastern at Boston

TRACK

Coach Swede Anderson has the same group of trackmen that showed constant improvement during the winter season, plus Cal "Red" Dolan, a prewar star, back out to aid the dash squad. Swede is angling for a dual meet with Bates on April 19th, but has a regular schedule lined up for May, with a dual meet with Vermont on the 3rd, the State Meet at Bowdoin on the 10th, the Easterns at Worcester the 17th and the New England at Durham, N. H., on the 24th.

GOLF AND TENNIS

Coach Bill Millett will have his first golf team since 1942, with newcomers expected to provide most of the team strength. In tennis, Colby seems to have several likely prospects including basketball star, Tom Pierce, veteran

Carl Pizzano, and a freshman, Bud Everts of Newton, Mass., who is supposed to be another Charlie Lord. The team expects to play its schedule on the new Wales Memorial Courts on Mayflower Hill. Colby will also be host at the State Tourney on May 17. Bob Taylor, pro at the Waterville Country Club, will instruct the golfers this season. He is one of Maine's leading players and will be a big help.

Golf Schedule

May 6	Boston University
" 9	Bowdoin
" 13	Bates at Lewiston
" 14	Bowdoin at Brunswick
" 19	State Tourney at Augusta
" 21	Tufts at Medford
" 22	Boston University at Boston
" 26	Maine at Orono
" 31	Maine

Tennis Schedule

Apr. 22	Bowdoin
May 6	Boston University
" 8	Bowdoin at Brunswick
" 10	Bates at Lewiston
" 17	State Tourney at Waterville
" 21	Tufts at Medford
" 22	Boston University at Boston
" 24	Bates
" 26	Maine at Orono
" 31	Maine

FORMER AIR CADET SENDS GREETINGS

THE following is an excerpt from a recent letter received by Dean Marriner:

"I was a member of the Twenty-First College Training Detachment (A.C.) beginning October, 1943, through March 11th, 1944, since which time I have kept in touch with Colby College through several Colby graduates in my outfit. The College magazine was very interesting and I didn't miss reading an issue during my year's stay on Leyte. I must say the portraits of the Mayflower Hill-to-be were beautiful; a dream campus complete. If Maine (wishful thinking!) could be a little closer to my native Illinois, Colby would certainly be my choice of colleges. My five months among the friendly faculty at Colby, and among the congenial people of Waterville were by far the most enjoyable of my thirty-seven months service."

—LESTER E. DALCHER.

LOCAL COLBY MEETINGS

SAN FRANCISCO MEETING

THE first Colby meeting in recent years in the San Francisco Bay region took place on March 2 in the home of Mrs. Helen Coburn Smith Fawcett, '27, in Berkeley.

The meeting resulted from the opportunity to meet President and Mrs. Bixler who were spending a few days in Berkeley as the guests of the former president of Amherst, Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn and Mrs. Meiklejohn.

There was no formal program although the group eagerly listened to President Bixler talk about the present transition state of the college and his hopes and ideals for the Colby of the future.

Among those present besides the Bixlers and the hostess and her husband were: Minnie F. Bunker, '89; Fred N. Fletcher, '82; Harold A. Small, '15; Raymond P. Luce, '15; Charles J., '13, and Laura Wyman, '12; Keppel; Even J. MacIlraith, '43, and Mrs. MacIlraith (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keppel); General Wolcott P. Hayes, '18, and Mrs. Hayes; and Robert Rogers, '46.

WASHINGTON GROUP MEETS

ON February 12, former Colbyites in the Washington area gathered for the annual meeting of the Washington Colby Association at the chambers of Congresswoman Margaret Chase Smith in the House Office Building, with Albert H. Haynes, '42, acting as presiding officer in the absence of Hugh Beckwith, president of the group.

The piece de resistance offered to the some 15 alumni and guests present was a talk by President Bixler on the New Colby, which proved particularly interesting and enlightening to those of us who have been more or less out of touch with the Colby scene for the past few years. In the course of his speech President Bixler touched on the existing conditions at Colby; the various handicaps encountered constantly in maintaining some semblance of college life with the campus split in its present fashion; progress being

made on Mayflower Hill, in spite of building restrictions and labor costs; and the plan to make Colby, in the near future, one of the finest colleges in the country, both in appearance and from an educational standpoint.

At the conclusion of his discourse, President Bixler called for suggestions and comments which might aid in shaping the policies of an improved Colby, thus provoking a lively discussion among those assembled. A brief social hour following the regular meeting afforded an opportunity for more informal conversation with Dr. Bixler, and with Mrs. Bixler, who accompanied him.

At a short business session held during the evening the following slate of officers was elected for the 1947-48 term: President, Albert H. Haynes, '42; Vice-President, Mrs. Myrtice Swain Andrews, '23; Secretary-Treasurer, Orman Fernandez, Jr., '43; Executive Board Member, Nancy Jacobson, '46.

—ORMAN B. FERNANDEZ, JR., '43

ST. PETERSBURG ALUMNI MEET

THE Colby Alumni Club of St. Petersburg, Fla., attended a luncheon given by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Nash at their home on March 1, 1947.

This most enjoyable meeting was the final one for the season. The Club was delighted to welcome as guests Mrs. Charles E. Gurney, whose

CLASS OF '96 GIVES CLOCK FOR NEW LIBRARY

"As a token of its love and devotion to Colby," the Class of 1896 marked its fiftieth anniversary by the presentation of a gift to the college. The Gift Committee — John B. Merrill, Miss Caro L. Hoxie, and Mrs. Frank W. Padel-ford — succeeded in securing for the project a beautiful grandfather's clock to be placed in the new Miller Library. In the words of the class spokesman, "May this gift serve Colby College through a long career of usefulness and adornment."

husband was a trustee of the college before his death, and also Rev. John E. Cummings, '84, for 40 years a missionary in Burma. Mr. Cummings spoke interestingly of Colby men and women as pioneers and especially of their work in Burma.

Dr. Franklin W. Johnson, '91, brought news of the college and cheerfully answered questions about its present status.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Ralph E. Nash, '11; Vice-President, Donald E. Putnam, '16; Secretary, Effie Lowe Patch, '05; Treasurer, Edwin A. Russell, '15; Publicity Chairman, Emma A. Fountain, '95; Delegate to Alumni Council, Nella Merrick, '00; Alternate, Ralph E. Nash, '11.

The next meeting will be held on Colby Night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell.

—EMMA A. FOUNTAIN, '95

SCHENECTADY MEETING

THE Hudson River Alumni Association held a meeting in Schenectady on March 20, 1947, with President and Mrs. Bixler as honor guests.

President Bixler gave an interesting account of the progress going on at the college and answered numerous questions.

Another meeting was planned for next fall, probably on Colby Night, and it is hoped that someone from the college will be able to attend.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Phineas P. Barnes, '20; Vice-President, Blanche Pratt Pratt, '02; Treasurer, William M. Harriman, '17; Secretary, Laura May Tolman Brown, '36; Representative to Alumni Council, William M. Harriman, '17.

Those present at the meeting were: John A. Barnes, '24, and Mrs. Barnes; Phineas P. Barnes, '20, and Mrs. Barnes; William M. Harriman, '17, and Mrs. Harriman; Dr. Harry E. Pratt, '02, and Mrs. Blanche Pratt Pratt, '02; Franklin M. Cobleigh, '30; Cecil E. Foote, '28, and Mrs. Foote; Augustus M. Hodgkins, '28, and Mrs. Hodgkins; Mrs. Esther Parker Crosman, '28; Laura May Tolman Brown, '36, and Mr. Brown; Ransom Pratt, '21, and Mrs. Pratt; and several guests. Greetings were also sent by

Garnald L., '38, and Helen DeRochment, '36, Cole, and Ruth R. Toabe, '35, who were unable to attend.

—LAURA MAY TOLMAN BROWN, '36,
Secretary

LOS ANGELES MEETING

ABOUT thirty alumni and friends of Colby gathered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on February 25 as luncheon guests of Denis E. Bowman, '93.

Guests of honor at this occasion were Pres. and Mrs. J. Seelye Bixler. Dr. Bixler told of the real progress that is going on at the college, and that the dream of so many years is so soon to become a living reality — when Colby will be fully established on a campus as beautiful as any in this country. President Bixler made a splendid impression on the Colby people in California.

Those attending were: Denis E. Bowman, '93; Edith Merrill Hurd, '88; Aimee Gallert Hilborn, '00; Myrtice Cheney Berry, '96; Dora Knight Andrews, '92; Grace E. Berry (one time Dean of Women); Gertrude Ilsley Padelford, '96; Nela Sawtelle, '26; George A. Weymouth, '25; James J. Williams, '39; Charles J. Williams, '42; Arthur W. Bartel, 2nd, '36; Fred E. Taylor, '97, and Mrs. Taylor; Lawrence E. Gurney, '99; Lawrence S. Gurney, '43, and Mrs. Gurney; Kenneth L. Wentworth, '25;

Alvin L. Vose, '35; Thomas J. Reynolds, '14; William L. Waters, '95; Lucy Chapin Gibson, '29; Mildred Dunham Crosby, '19, and Mr. Crosby; Joel E. Taylor, Jr., '21; Elizabeth Whipple Butler, '21; and several friends.

—GERTRUDE ILSLEY PADELFORD, '96

PROF. WARREN TO ENTER INSURANCE FIELD



ELMER C. WARREN, Registrar, has accepted the position of Associate Director of Personnel of the National Life Insurance Company, Montpelier, Vt., beginning June 1. Prof. Warren, a native of Westerly, R. I., and a graduate of M. I. T., came

to Colby in 1928 as instructor in Mathematics and was appointed Registrar in 1933, also instituting Colby's Placement Service and carrying on some courses in Mathematics. He has been chairman of the Division of Science and secretary of the faculty.

During the war, Mr. Warren served three years as Chief of Personal Affairs in the Army Air Force, Personnel Command, Atlantic City, being discharged with the rank of major.

The college community, while congratulating Mr. Warren on his new position, will miss his organizational ability and his wit which found full expression at faculty parties.

ENGLISH JOURNAL PRINTS POEM BY ROLLINS, '17

A POEM by Prof. Cecil A. Rollins, '17, was printed in the *News Letter* of the College English Association, February issue.

Entitled "The Teacher — Bliss Perry," it is a tribute to the inspiration conveyed by this noted Harvard professor whose classes, rather than "an hour to waste in cataloging bones," were sessions where "our souls conversed with God-inspired men."

Rollins, who is Associate Professor of English, studied under Prof. Perry while pursuing graduate work at Harvard in 1922-23.

Class Notes About Colby Men and Women

1887

Joel F. Larrabee is receiving the sympathy of his friends and classmates on the recent death of his wife.

1889

Edward F. Stevens and Charles W. Spencer, '90, recently presented a copy of the famous Dwiggin's edition of Hawthorne's *Scarlet Letter* to the Waterville Public Library on its 50th anniversary.

1894

Melville C. Freeman of Cape Porpoise, Maine, is a retired teacher who is engaged in some writing and lecturing, amateur gardening and an occasional "turn in a schoolroom when someone is ill."

1896

Rev. Hannah J. Powell writes: "I am in the very best of health despite the 'over eighty' age. On December 3, I flew from Waterville to Washington and returned the same way en route to a North Carolina plantation for a Christmas month. I maintain an active interest in Colby although with the removal to Mayflower Hill, since I have no automobile, I feel far away." Miss Powell's residence is at 114 College Avenue, Waterville.

1900

Carrie M. Tozier, who retired from the Watertown, Mass., High School in 1937, is receiving the sympathy of her friends and classmates on the recent death of her brother. Miss Tozier is

living at 22 Otis Street, Watertown, Mass.

1906

Christia Donnell Young is still teaching English at Leavitt Institute in Turner Center where she has lived for more than 30 years.

1909

Pearl Davis Steffenson writes: "David and Palmer, my two sons who were in the services, were home by last April and spent most of the spring and summer here with us. Their wives were with them. It was wonderful to have them all together again."

1910

Emma Berry Delahanty's permanent address is now East Brewster, Mass.

Ruth Wood Hebner writes: "Among other duties this year I am chairman of International Relations Study group of the Rochester Branch of AAUW and general chairman of six New York State Baptist Women's Missionary House Parties which are really institutes held each year for training our Baptist women leaders."

1912

Ann McKechnie has recovered from her serious illness and now attends her office a few days a week.

Susan Wentworth Leonard teaches the fifth grade at the Bridge Street School, Westbrook, and keeps busy summers by taking courses at St. Joseph's College in Portland.

1914

Mildred Lane Russell may be addressed at 38 High Street, Yarmouth, Maine.

1915

Arthur J. Cratty has been appointed judge of the Waterville Municipal Court. He took his oath of office on March 1, 1947.

1916

Edith Pratt Brown writes: "I am having a very happy year in graduate work at the University of New Mexico. Many of our students are from the East, but we all agree in liking the university and in the climate of Albuquerque."

1917

Myrtle Aldrich Gibbs is head technician at a poultry laboratory where her husband is director. Her address is 923 No. Main Street, Pleasantville, N. J.

Catherine Clarkin Dundas has been named Kennebec County Commander for the Maine Cancer Society's annual April drive.

E. Donald Record is now financial editor of the Rochester, N. Y., *Democrat and Chronicle* and writes a three-times-a-week financial column.

Prof. Cecil A. Rollins has been made a member of the Advisory Council on Speech Advancement for the Eastern Public Speaking Conference.

1918

Ross S. Holt and Maude Herron Holt, '24, inform us that it has been their objective to have their two daughters and one son graduate from Colby. Their oldest daughter, Roberta Holt Sachs, received her degree in 1945; Beverly is a freshman, and Ross, Jr., will enter within the next two or three years.

1921

Dr. Grace R. Foster, psychologist at the Augusta State hospital, was the recent guest speaker at the Athene Club in Bangor. Her topic was "Mental Hygiene in an Atomic Age."

Thomas Grace is state director of the Federal Housing Administration, 90 Church Street, New York, N. Y.

Irene Gushue Moran of Rockland, Maine, has had her poems published in over 50 magazines and newspapers, and in two secondary school textbooks.

1922

Ashley Bickmore is director of admissions at Suffield Academy, Suffield, Conn.

Robert L. Stone has a position as Comm. Sales Manager for the Westinghouse Electric Supply Company in Philadelphia. His home address is 231 Albemarle Avenue, Lansdowns, Pa.

Dr. Evan J. Shearman, field activities representative for the eastern states of the Northern Baptist Convention, opened the series of Lenten sermons at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in New York.

1923

Edith Weller is manager of the General Electric Woman's Club, Schenectady, N. Y.

1924

Sue Niven (Sipprelle Daye) is dietitian and instructor of Foods and Management at Endicott Junior College, Beverly, Mass.

1925

Nellie Pottle Hankins is instructor of English at the University of Kansas. Her residence address is 805 Tennessee Street, Lawrence, Kansas.

1926

William E. Fagerstrom was recently caricatured in "Sidelong Glances" in the New Haven, Conn., Register.

Bill, who is affectionately known to his pupils as "The Bull," has been an active force in the educational and civic activities of East Haven for the last dozen years. Principal of the high school since its completion in 1936, he has also served seven years as secretary of Rotary and is now its president.

1927

Frank T. Adams, town manager of Skowhegan for the past year, recently resigned his position to enter the construction field.

Theodore G. Smart has entered the insurance field in Rumford Centre, Maine.

Philip S. Metcalf has been running a woodworking plant for the last 15 years in Walpole, Mass., and now also has one in Detroit, Maine.

James H. Crowley is a teacher and counsellor at the Hartford Veterans High School. He received his MA from Trinity College in 1946.

1928

Clair F. Wood was recently presented with two war bonds by the Cumberland County Teachers Association and the Portland Teachers Association in recognition and in appreciation of his services to the teachers of Maine during the last four years.

James T. McCroary is associated with the Biddeford Tel. and Tel. Co.

Mary Thayer has resigned her position in the alumni office to go into the law office of Perkins, Weeks & Hutchins.

1929

W. Stuart Duncan of Fort Fairfield writes that he is farming up in Aroostook.

Thomas Tranfaglia keeps quite busy these days as Radio Engineer for the Revere, Mass., Police and Fire Departments, vice president of the Eastern States Police Radio League, and Editor and Publisher of "The Voice of E.S.P.R.L."

1930

Dr. Leroy S. Ford was released from service in April of 1946 and he now has his own practice in Keene, N. H., where he is president of the Rotary Club, and is a member of the Keene Business Bureau.

Charles W. Weaver of Cape Elizabeth was recently appointed as Naval Aide to Governor Horace A. Hildreth

with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Lt. Col. James E. Davidson, Jr. has returned to this country from Japan and may be addressed at 109 South 53rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Charles F. Martin is teaching at Gorham State Teachers College in Gorham, Maine.

1931

Adrian T. Cloutier of Bay Ridge Lane, South Duxbury, Mass., has a position as Wage Administrator for the Clark-Babbitt Industries, Inc., in Boston.

1932

Richard D. Hall has recently purchased the Foster Drug Company in Oakland, Maine.

1933

Helen Silberberg is employed as a copy-writer in the DuPont Building, Wilmington, Del.

Ruth Hallinger Slaven may now be addressed at 31 Locust Avenue, Westmont, N. J.

1934

Arthur W. Feldman is the American Vice Consul to Alexandria, Egypt.

Curtis M. Havey expects to be permanently located in Syracuse, N. Y., where he is District Cashier in charge of the office work covering all of New York State for Warren Brothers Roads Company.

F. C. Lawler has sent in the following new address: Hotel Ormond, Ormond Beach, Fla.

W. Winthrop Clement has a position as Executive Secretary of Risk Research Institute, Inc., 50 Church Street, New York, N. Y.

1935

Maurice Krinsky is editor and publisher of "The Jewish Beacon" which was launched on March 20, 1947, to serve Jewry of Houston and its environs.

1936

Edna Allen Becker is living at 1024 Clement Street, Joliet, Ill.

Harold Hickey is in the restaurant business in Seal Harbor, Maine.

George Crosby has accepted the position of program director for the USO Service Men's Center, Denver, Colo.

Edna F. Bailey is teaching English

at Wilton Academy in Wilton, Maine, and resides on High Street.

Herman R. Alderman, after four years of military service, has established his law offices at 663 Howard Avenue, New Haven, Conn.

1937

M. Gerald Ryan is superintendent of recreation for the city of Palo Alto, Calif.

1938

Keith Thomas has a position as supervisor of casualty claims, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Los Angeles, Calif.

A. Wayne Ross, Jr., who was discharged from the Army in November, is "living the life of a recluse on a Vermont farm while taking my MA at Middlebury. Should finish in June." His address is Shoreham, Vt.

Edith Falt Favour writes: "It seems good to be leading a normal, uneventful life again. Paul (Bowdoin, '36) was four years in the Air Force while I was everything from a YWCA secretary to a teacher to a thread-grinder in a Detroit war plant. He is home in Bar Harbor, now, in his old position as Park Ranger for Acadia National Park. Wish our friends could see our fabulous Park quarters, a huge stone gatehouse, patterned by Rockefeller after a French Norman gatehouse and presented to the Park. Looks like a feudal castle!"

Garnold L. (Lefty) Cole is assistant professor of Physics at Clarkson Tech. in Potsdam, N. Y., while Mrs. Cole (Helen deRochement, '36) cares for their two youngsters. Lefty reports that he has been playing professional baseball for the past two summers but this summer will either teach at the Clarkson summer school or do graduate work.

1939

Lillian Healy Orr may now be addressed at Turner Hall, University of Idaho, S.B., Pocatello, Idaho.

1940

Clyde M. Hatch produced the State of Maine Championship Basketball Team for Edward Little High School in Auburn, Maine.

Fern M. Brouker is head billing clerk and dispatcher for the Illinois-Colorado Express, Denver, Colo.

A. L. LeBrun is manager and owner of the New City Hotel, Rochester, N. H.

Dr. Irving Kanovitz is practicing dentistry at 318 Harvard Street, Brookline, Mass.

1941

John W. Daggett is now employed by the American Hide and Leather Company in Littleton, Mass., and residing on King Street.

Witha Jardine is teaching American History at Presque Isle High School.

Capt. Rodney C. Ellis has returned to this country from Japan and, after a furlough, has reported for duty as an instructor in the Maine National Guard.

Mary Hitchcock Baxter and her family are living at Kerrville, Tenn. Her husband, Ande Baxter, '39, is senior instructor at the Naval Air Technical Training Center.

Elmer and Elizabeth Sweetser Baxter are located at 44 Magnolia Road, Newington, Conn. They have a small son who keeps Betty pretty busy.

Thelma Bassett Cornell is keeping house and caring for her two sons at the University of Maine in Orono. Her husband, Dr. Robert Cornell, '43, has started a practice in Orono and is the University physician.

Frances DeCormier Frieser and family are at 33 Kingston Avenue, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where her husband is going to medical school. She writes that her brother, Bud DeCormier, '43, is now studying voice and conducting at the Julliard Music School in New York City.

Mary Williams Chance and her husband have driven from Florida to California on a sight-seeing expedition.

Catherine Fussell and a couple of friends are also on a motor trip and were in Monterey, Mexico, when last heard from.

Clair Tilley Henderson will be coming East soon. Her husband received his Master's degree at Purdue University in Indiana this February. They have not as yet decided where they will settle.

William and Dorothy Emerson Martin own their own home at 29 Cumner Avenue, Melrose, Mass. Their two daughters keep Dot running every minute.

Priscilla Patterson Salgo is continuing to teach in Princeton, N. J., at Westminster College. Her husband is a member of the Roth String Quartet

and she accompanies him on his tours during summers. Next winter they plan trips to London and Paris for concerts.

Olive D. Savage has a fascinating job in the Counseling Department of the Boston YMCA as secretary to a psychologist.

Ruth R. Stebbins is in the Production Department of the Federal Advertising Agency in New York City. Her home address is 22 Minturn Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York.

Eleanor Purple Tolhurst is at 14 East High Street, East Hampton, Conn. Her husband is Advertising Manager for First National Stores in Hartford.

Ada Vinecour is an English instructor at Syracuse University, a job which she likes very much.

—GERALDINE STEFKO JONES

1942

Raymond E. Flynn has been discharged from the service and has accepted a position with the Veterans Administration, Sub-Regional Office, 46 Columbia Street, Bangor, Maine.

Janet Pfleger, who received her MA from Smith College in September, is doing social work at Riggs Clinic, Pittsfield, Mass.

Mary E. Jones attends Simmons Library School.

Lt. Comdr. S. B. Warren, USS Tidewater (AD31), Charleston, S. C., has a new job as gunnery officer of subdivision 3. He says, "Actually I'm a highpowered nursemaid to the gunnery departments of a bunch of inactivated and preserved destroyers. It will be both interesting and tough."

Marion Thomas writes, "Still teaching history in Peterborough, N. H. I am secretary for the AAUW branch here this year."

Laurie and Elizabeth Coles Harris are in Bernardston, Mass., where Laurie is sub-master at Powers Institute.

John F. Pineo, Jr. has a position as director of the Elizabethtown, N. Y., Social Center.

Alton G. and Anita Pooler, '43, LaLiberte have returned to Waterville where they have purchased Houle's Cleaners and Dyers at 17 Summer Street.

Major Vita Fedorovich may now be addressed at Sqdn T.M. - 5, Scott Field, Ill.

Addison E. Steeves has recently been ordained as minister of the Unitarian Church in Stockton, Calif., while his wife, Marilyn Ireland Steeves, is an instructor at the Stockton Junior College of the Pacific.

Marjorie Cate has resigned her position in Washington and is now assistant to the Dean of the Collegiate School in New York City. She receives her mail at 241 W. 77th Street, N. Y. C.

Lewis E. Weeks, Jr., informs us that he is a student residing at 210 Waterman Street, Providence, R. I.

Charles W. Nightingale was discharged from the Naval Air Corps on October 17 and now resides at 4 Thoreau Street, Concord, Mass.

Raymond Stickney has a position as assistant superintendent of Teaching, Opportunity Farm, New Gloucester, Maine.

Arthur G. Beach, Jr. was discharged from the Army on November 15 and now is at 104 Main Street, Waterbury, Conn.

Virginia Duggan has just opened a candy store in Malden, Mass., at 79 Pleasant Street, called Dureau's Fudge Shop.

June Van Der Veer Lamb and husband, Trevor, have bought a chicken farm in Sayville, N. Y.

Esther Goldfield Shafer has a new home at 358 Henry Street, East Hempstead, N. Y.

Les Graffam has moved to 30 West Street, Portland, Maine.

John Lowell is learning the hotel business from the ground up at the Prince George Hotel in New York City.

Laura A. Magistrate is employed as a patent chemist at the duPont Co., Wilmington, Dela.

Cynthia M. Smith is connected with the aptitude testing program at Chance Vought Aircraft in Stratford, Conn.

Priscilla Shires Daniel and her two year old daughter have joined her husband in California and would love to see some of her friends and classmates. Her address is c/o Lt. Eddie Lee Daniel, Marine Corps Storage & Supply Depot, Barstow, Calif.

John B. Warner is a captain for Eastern Air Lines, Boston. He and his wife, Barbara Kaighn, '41, are living at I Wachusett Avenue, Arlington Heights, Mass.

William Conley is now an account-

ing clerk and living at 707 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 6 Pa.

Linwood E. Palmer, Jr. is in business in Nobleboro, Maine, with his father and brother, and serving his first term in the Maine State Legislature.

—MARLEE BRAGDON HILL

1943

Nunzio Giampetruzzi, who resides at 26 Church Street, South Portland, Maine, has a position as personal pilot for ex-Governor William Tudor Gardiner.

Edward J. Becker informs us that he "received B.S. from Columbia University Feb. 1947. Had completed half of my work toward M.A. in Public Law and Government by that time also. Was appointed Instructor of Government at Brooklyn College, N. Y., on Feb. 13, 1947, but resigned without taking up duties on Feb. 15th, to take up study of law at Harvard Law School."

1944

Alan L. Bevins is attending Goddard College in Plainfield, Vt., where he is president of Aiken House and chairman of the Work Program Committee. He is also a member of the Community Council.

Paul N. Prince writes that after spending six months "down East" in the woods learning the lumber business he has returned to work with his father in his wholesale lumber business. He also writes, "I enjoy the work very much as it involves quite a bit of traveling about. Every once in a while I take a job playing just for my own kicks."

Richard S. Jones, when last heard from, was about to leave Norfolk for extended duty aboard the USS Wilkes-Barre.

Nancy Pattison has arrived in Sapporo, capital of the island of Hokkaido, where she is serving with the Red Cross. She writes that Sapporo is the headquarters of the entire 11th Airborne Division so there are thousands of American troops stationed there. Her address is ARC, 11th A/B Div. Hq., APO 468, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Hope Mansfield Jahn is busy at her home in Ipswich while husband George, '43, is going to BU School of Education.

William Harris Graf informs us that he still has 17 months of duty be-

fore he can become a civilian again. He is a Lt. (jg) with the USNR on Okinawa.

Louise Calahan Johnson has just written to tell us that she and her husband, Robert "Bud" Johnson, '43, have bought a brand new Cape Cod house with plenty of land at 44 Forest Street, South Weymouth, Mass.

Corinne R. Jones of 2811 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn., is teaching in Stratford, Conn.

1945

Margery Owen Fallon writes that en route from China to the United States she met Fred Wood, '44, and Jack Stevens, '42, and made the plane trip from Honolulu to California with Jack.

1946

Geraldine Fliege Edwards is living at 88 Dunster Road, Jamaica Plain, Mass., while her husband, Lt. Comdr. Robert B. Edwards, is stationed in Boston.

Robert Rogers is finishing up his college work at the University of California where he is majoring in Philosophy.

Dorothy Allen Goettman, who is married to a former 21st CTD cadet (Colby unit), is living on South Street, Barre, Mass., with her two youngsters, while her husband is studying at Worcester Tech.

Rowen R. Kusnitt is a medical technician at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, Conn.

Richard T. Dunphy is in the third class at West Point and expects to graduate in 1949.

Jean Rhodenizer is teaching English and Biology at Mexico, Maine. High school boys, Varney A. '49, and Edgar B. Putnam, '51.

JOHN P. FLANAGAN, '14

John Patrick Flanagan, well-known throughout eastern Maine as former editor of *The Bangor Daily Commercial* and later as representative of the Bangor Internal Revenue Office, died at his Bangor home on January 11, 1947.

Born in Bangor on January 18, 1889, the son of John and Mary Glynn Flanagan, young Flanagan attended the Bangor schools and was graduated from the local high school in 1907. He entered Colby in April of 1912

ENGAGED

Jane Farnham, '45, Norwich, Conn., to Leonard Wood, Norwich. During the war Mr. Wood served overseas with the 10th Mountain Division and is now attending the University of Connecticut.

Nancy Gager, '48, Norwalk, Conn., to George H. Howard, Jr., of East Norwalk, Conn. Miss Gager is a student at Berkeley Secretarial School in New York from which she will be graduated in June. Mr. Howard is attending Hill College, Woonsocket, R. I.

Roselle Johnson, '46, to Warren Tharion. Miss Johnson is doing graduate work in psychology at Boston University. Mr. Tharion is attending Dartmouth College.

Florence Lucille Thompson, '45, of Princeton, Mass., to Arthur Clavin Ward, Leominster. Miss Thompson did graduate work at Boston University following her graduation from Colby and is now a case worker at the Worcester Chapter of the American Red Cross. Mr. Ward is attending Massachusetts State College at Fort Devens following six years of Navy service.

MARRIED

Frances Elizabeth Willey, '45, Beverly, Mass., to John Burke Rippere of Pittsfield, Mass., at the home of the bride's mother in Beverly. Mrs. Rippere has been employed by the General Electric Company in Pittsfield. Mr. Rippere, a graduate of Brooklyn, was in the first world war.

Mr. Ware was well known throughout Maine, having been engaged in the lumber industry most of his life. For many years he was a director of the Ticonic and the Peoples-Ticonic Banks in Waterville. He was also president and treasurer of the Ware-Butler Company, dealing in lumber, and president and treasurer of the Pine-land Oil Company, operating filling stations in Waterville and Winslow.

He was a member of the Waterville Lodge of Masons and of the Waterville Lodge, BPOE.

Mr. Ware is survived by his mother, Grace Emery Ware, '93, of Waterville; and a brother, Roland G., '21.

MILESTONES

Mary Lee Conway, '42, to Paul Edwin Kittle on February 8, 1947, in Wallingford, Conn. Mrs. Kittle is employed in the laboratory of the Stamford Hospital, Stamford, Conn. Mr. Kittle is a graduate of the University of Alabama and is employed as a chemist by the American Cyanamid Company in Wallingford. Mr. and Mrs. Kittle are residing at 333 Humphrey Street, New Haven, Conn.

Mary Anne Young to Dr. John Philip Boyne, '45, on September 7, 1946, at Trinity Church, Boston, Mass. Mrs. Boyne attended the University of Maine for two years and was graduated from Boston University in 1946. She has been teaching English in Boston secondary schools. Dr. Boyne attended Colby for two years and was graduated from Tufts Dental College in 1947. He served his internship at John Adams Hospital, Chelsea, Mass. Dr. and Mrs. Boyne are residing at 119 Main Street, Houlton, Maine. Colby guests at the wedding included John White, '46, and Stanley H. Short, '44.

Beulah E. Bennett, '35, to Willard J. Sayles on December 1, 1946, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, N. H. Betty C. Dyson, '34, was the only Colby attendant. Mrs. Sayles is a partner and manager of the Davis Dress Shop, Lancaster, N. H. Mr. Sayles was graduated from the New England Institute of Sanitary Science and Embalming in Boston and is now a partner in Desrochers & Sayles, St. Johnsbury, Vt. Mr. and Mrs. Sayles are

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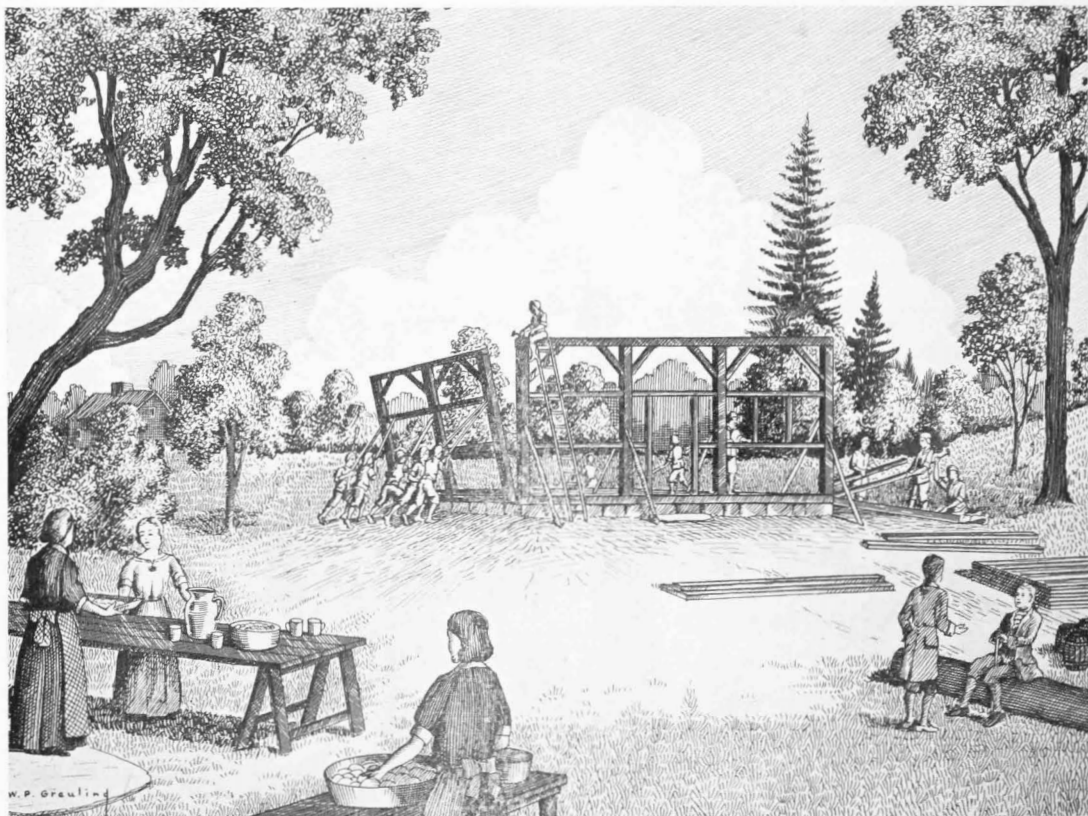
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House 'Raisin'

On October 9, 1726, the inhabitants of the little town of Falmouth Neck (now Portland) met and voted to build their minister a house. This was more than a year after Parson Smith came to Falmouth to assume his varied duties as the only minister, doctor and counsellor in the settlement.

On January 30, 1727, the people "met and cut the timber for my house and drew part of it to the spot," Parson Smith notes in his diary.

The house was on the north side of what is now Congress Street, looking directly through King Street (now India), where the meeting house was located. Smith's house was 40 feet long, 20 feet wide, of 16 foot stud.

The house had the first wallpaper in the town. There being no paste with which to apply the paper, nails were used. Wallpaper was so scarce and expensive that only one room was decorated in this manner, the others being left natural wood or whitewashed.

Mr. Smith lived there until the destruction of the town by the British officer Mowatt in 1775.

Building a house in 1727 was a very different matter than it is now. Houses were, in reality, raised, not built. That is, whole sides of the house were pegged and fitted on the ground, then raised upright and fastened into place. A 'house raisin' was a social occasion—all the neighbors worked with the owner to get the house set up, then the owner was expected to serve a feast on tables set under the trees. A barrel or two of cider (sometimes a keg or two of rum) was standard equipment for the workers, the amount needed being gauged in this manner: if the building to be raised was a structure of the usual type, rather small, "a gallon answered the purpose in a pinch." If it was a two-story dwelling this quantity was at the very least doubled—unless the raising "was in a time of drouth, when a still larger quantity was required."

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